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ARSENIC DUMPING IN SOUTH ATLANTIC

1. VIDAL, BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE OAS, HAS NOW CONFIRMED THAT THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL MEETING ON FINNISH ARSENIC DUMPING WILL TAKE PLACE THIS MONDAY, MARCH 24 AT 10:30AM.

2. THE BRAZILIANS AND SEVERAL OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES HAVE, ACCORDING TO VIDAL, ASKED UN SYG WALDHEIM TO URGE THE FINNS NOT TO PROCEED WITH THE DUMPING. HE
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UNDERSTANDS FROM THE BRAZILIAN UN MISSION WALDHEIM HAS

AGREED TO DO SO MONDAY OR TUESDAY.

3. ADDITIONAL TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN OUR EARLIER CABLE, VIDAL TELLS US THE ENSKERI WILL DUMP "100 TONS OF INDUSTRIAL RESIDUES WITH A VERY HIGH ARSENIC CONTENT". EPA SUGGESTS ASCERTAINING PRECISE NATURE OF CHEMICAL, WHAT IS CONCENTRATION OF ARSENIC, WHETHER SOLID OR LIQUID WASTE, PROPOSED DUMPING PATTERN, AND WHAT KIND OF PLANT PRODUCED THESE WASTES?

4. EUR/NE (CANNEY) MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR TUOMINEN TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF FINNISH INTENTIONS. INGERSOLL

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